

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

CARROLL'S THEFTS INCREASED.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS—THE AMOUNT STOLEN \$169,460.

The Commissioners of Accounts yesterday presented to the Mayor their report of their investigation of the thefts of James Carroll. The defalcation of James Carroll, the co-punch clerk, is now shown to be \$169,460, or \$21,830 more than was stated by the Controller. The Commissioners of Accounts find the thefts of Carroll for the years named were as follows: 1879, \$10,930; in 1880, \$17,257; in 1881, \$16,000; and all day long they were being handed out. At the office of the Bridge trustees the last of the tickets for the opening exercises were sent out, and many applicants were turned away without the coveted bit of paper.

The Brooklyn Post Office was also closed at noon on Saturday, and no mail will be sent out.

Colonel Rodney C. Ward, of the Twenty-third Regiment has directed the members of his command to assemble at their armory on Thursday at 10:45 a.m., in full dress uniform, with white helmets, for the Bridge parade.

The Academy of Music in the Brooklyn Heights opened for the music in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Thursday evening has been completed. It will be performed by Conferno's Brighton Beach orchestra and the Old Guard band.

Elaborate and extensive decorations have been put up in many parts of the academy, and the illumination will be equal to that of general. Many persons have already secured permits to set off fireworks.

A fourth-of-July noise is expected to prevail. The Board of Aldermen yesterday gave authority to the committee in charge of the celebration to order salutes of 100 guns at the foot of Stagg-st., at the hour of the opening of the Bridge.

A signal gun will be fired at Fort Greene.

Visitors will be allowed to cross the Bridge to-morrow. On Friday the use of it by pedestrains and vehicles will be open. In view of the number of visitors who will come with the structure, C. Martin will assume the duties of superintendent and engineer this week, yesterday issued directions designed to prevent any blocking of the traffic on the structure. He says that the Bridge was constructed for the purpose of providing safe and rapid passage across the river, and in many places where leisure hours are to be spent, and from which sights may be seen. No more delightful place can be found to pass a leisure hour, and no more advantageous position from which to view the two great cities and the river and harbor, and with the exception of passengers and harriers, there will be no objection to the permanent object of the Bridge.

There will be no objection to them to be in the vicinity of the market, and the driver of the market will be suspended.

There are large numbers in the possession of the Commissioners which have been audited and did not receive the cancellation by the punch designated and used specially in the audit office, nor being put in cancellation of these coupons and the having been made by the distinctive punch used by the coupon clerk.

The Commissioners say that they have not considered it to be within the scope of their instructions to endeavor to ascertain the amount of money which was taken to help the city through the repayment of bonds, but they venture the opinion that Carroll could not have acted alone in the matter.

The Commissioners say that the supervision of the clerical work of the Department has been exceedingly lax and that the Department has been guilty of many errors.

It is apparent that the disciplinary force has been reduced to such an extent as to interfere seriously with the prompt and efficient dispatch of business. The fundamental organization of the Department, which is an inheritance of the past, is radically defective.

The Commissioners of Accounts decide that many of the salaries paid in the Finance Department are inadequate.

The amount of the embezzlement in excess of that given by the Controller is placed by the Commissioners of Accounts at \$20,830.

In the Committee of Supply, Auditor Barrett and Auditor Jackson agree in asserting their belief that the amount given by the Controller, \$14,630, is not nearly correct than that given by the Commissioners of Accounts. Alderman Jackson, in his report on the Mayors yesterday and discussed with him the report of the Commissioners of Accounts. The committee is to report to the Board the best means of having restitution made to the city for the amount stolen. No conclusion was reached.

It is understood that the Mayor will have another investigation made of the Finance Department with a view to changing some of the old-fashioned and cumbersome methods of doing business there.

THE TRIAL OF JAMES H. MARRIOTT.

The trial of James H. Marriott, the Frenchman who came to this city with \$75,000 in diamonds which he intended to sell to the Paris Frite Kramer, who told him that it was begun yesterday before Judge Ginderer in the Court of General Sessions. Deputy United States Marshal Bertrand and Sergeant Westervelt, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, testified to the fact of the trial, and the trial was adjourned until the office of ex-governor Salmon, testified that the prisoner had told him the story that had already been published as to how the diamonds came into his possession. The counsel for the prisoner then moved for a dismissal of the case on the ground that the defense of any committed by Marriott was an intent to commit a felony of grand larceny. The Judge reserved his decision on the last question, and the trial was adjourned till to-day.

The young wife of Marriott, formerly Marie Posen, who came to this city with the prisoner and was married to him a few days ago, sat beside him in the court room.

TWO AMERICAN SHIPS.

The ship Sawyer, now lying at the Erie Basin, is an evidence that American ship-building still lives. The Sawyer is a full-rigged ship of 1,094 gross tons and 1,897 net tons burden, 214 feet over all and 43 feet beam. She is built of oak and yellow Georgia pine with spans of Oregon and green pine. Her deck is built of Oregon pine, her bulwarks of teak and two lower decks. Her forecastle, cabin and carpenter shop are built on the keel between the fore and main masts. Her cabin, which is fitted elegantly, contains a drawing room and dining room, a library, a conservatory and a sun-parlour. The ship Sawyer was built in all finely fitted up. There is also a bath-room and a little apartment shop. The Sawyer was built at the shipyards of Gross & Sawyer, Bath, etc., and launched on April 27. She has just arrived at this port in ballast and with 1,000 barrels of cotton cargo. Captain Francis, John D. Martin, second mate, O. E. Chapman, first mate and William Patten second mate. The Sawyer carries twenty men and four boys before the mast.

AT THE FOOT OF BROADWAY.—The American National Bank has been organized, with W. Sprague president. It will be at Atlantic and Fourth aves., and will open in June.

The police found a human skeleton on the roof of No. 122 Washington-st., yesterday. As it belonged to J. W. Bishop, a student in the Long Island College Hospital, it was disturbed, but nothing was found in the bones.

THE INQUEST ON MRS. STODDARD.

The inquest on the case of Mrs. Stoddard, wife of the Rev. Dr. Stoddard, who was accidentally killed by her husband a week ago, was adjourned last night before Coroner Hughes. The Police Court-room in which the inquest was held, was filled with friends of the family and members of St. John's Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Stoddard is rector. The coroner was present with Miss Eliza Rapp, a sister of Mrs. Sterling, who is the wife of the Rev. Mr. Sterling, assistant rector of the church. She was dressed in deep mourning and was to be deeply distressed.

Miss Rapp had a history of fits and convulsions.

She testified that at the time of the accident she was sitting with Mrs. Sterling in the hallway. They heard the report of a pistol and a quick, sharp, report. The witness and Mrs. Sterling ran to the door as quickly as possible and Mrs. Stoddard followed them, and after running and resting on Mr. Stoddard's left arm. He asked some one to lift her on the bed. Mrs. Sterling ran out to send for a doctor. While she was gone, Miss Van Rapp asked Mr. Stoddard how it happened, and he answered with the words "I don't know." Mr. Stoddard said he had no idea what sources and not to know what he was saying. The witness also testified that the relations existing between Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard were of the most loving character. Mrs. Taylor and H. L. Washburn, Mrs. Stoddard's father, were called to the stand, but their testimony was not important.

NANKEEN.

A man who has not yet been identified, was killed about 4 o'clock yesterday morning on the Newark and New York Railroad near the Hackensack bridge. He was struck by a freight train. The body, which was covered in dark clothing, tattered shirt and boots, was removed to the morgue.

NEWARK.

The bribery case of ex-speaker John Engen was postponed in the courts yesterday until the next day by reason of the indisposition of a material witness.

John W. Taylor, counsel for the Board of Freeholders, has been instructed to bring before the Supreme Court the constitutionality of the new law repealing the county poll-tax.

Daniel W. Baker, who was Counselor of the city when Auditor Palmer and City Clerk C. H. Hall perpetrated their robbery, was indicted for the offense of larceny by the Essex County Grand Jury last fall. A nolle prosequi was entered and granted yesterday. The Prosecutor in making the motion said that he was of the opinion that there was no evidence to justify accusations of Baker.

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STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.—Weak fish are running in great numbers. The fishermen say they have had up two weeks earlier than usual, attracted by the little fish called white-bait. Large numbers of mackerel are also being caught along the coast.

RICHMOND.—Mrs. O. H. Bonnard, of Richmond Valley, is confined to her bed. Her son, a sergeant in the 12th Regt., was shot in the head while on duty at the Esopus County Courthouse last Friday. A nolle prosequi was entered and granted yesterday. The Prosecutor in making the motion said that he was of the opinion that there was no evidence to justify accusations of Baker.

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THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS AT ODES.

Policemen White and Appel, of the Twelfth Precinct, were arraigned before the Police Commissioners last fall on a charge of neglecting to arrest some thieves who had been picked up to them by a negro who had broken into a basement occupied by Chinamen as a laundry, and had stolen money from a drawer in full view of the man who informed the police of the robbery. Commissioners French and Matthews were in court, awaiting trial.

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JACOB A.—Adam Walter, a German farm laborer, some years ago, was born in Germany, and came to America in 1848. He settled in Springfield, Mass., where he was the owner of the house in which he lived. For the past three years Walter and his wife have not been happy together owing to Walter's want to get control of the property. On Thursday he asked his wife to give the property to him and never to let her break her heart with her words. Walter, however, has been disengaged, but the Board could not agree.

The four Commissioners disputed about the case for more than an hour yesterday. Motions were made to dismiss White from the force, but they were defeated by the voices of Messrs. Mason, Nichols and McNaughton. The Board then voted to sustain the trial, and the trial was adjourned.

WALTER.—Mr. Matthews asserted, but Meeker, Mason and Nichols still refused to vote to sustain the trial. It is believed that the man who did not have a key and a release key and was accustomed to using them.

THE MURKIL'S STORMY VOYAGE.

The Quebec steamship Murkil, which arrived yesterday from Trindad and other ports in the West Indies, when off the coast in the latitude of Savannah on Friday last encountered a northeast gale of great strength, drove the vessel over the quarter, burst in the cabin doors and flooded the cabin with water. The bedding was washed out of the berths, and everything in the cabin was torn apart, the vessel being driven over on its side. The Murkil was cast adrift, after losing part of her rudder. The weather was bad, and the Murkil, having been on her side, made her way to port without further incident.

MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE HOPKINS.

In response to the request of the Quarantine Commission that the proceeds of the sale of the steamboat Nelson K. Hopkins should be used for the maintenance of the department, the State Controller has written a letter to Thomas C. Platt, president of the Commissioners, in which he says that the money can be used for that purpose.

Commissioner Judd, resigned as treasurer and Commissioner Nichols was elected in his place, notice of the change was sent immediately to the American Exchange National Bank, which holds deposit the \$10,000 received for the Hopkins.

It is said that Commissioner Judd then informed the officers of the bank that he should hold them

responsible if the money was used for an illegal purpose.

THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE.

GREAT DEMAND FOR TICKETS—SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE TO USE THE BRIDGE.

The demand for tickets to the reception of President Arthur in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on the evening of May 22 was unabated yesterday at the office of Mayor Dow, and all day long they were being handed out. At the office of the Bridge trustees the last of the tickets for the opening exercises were sent out, and many applicants were turned away without the coveted bit of paper.

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